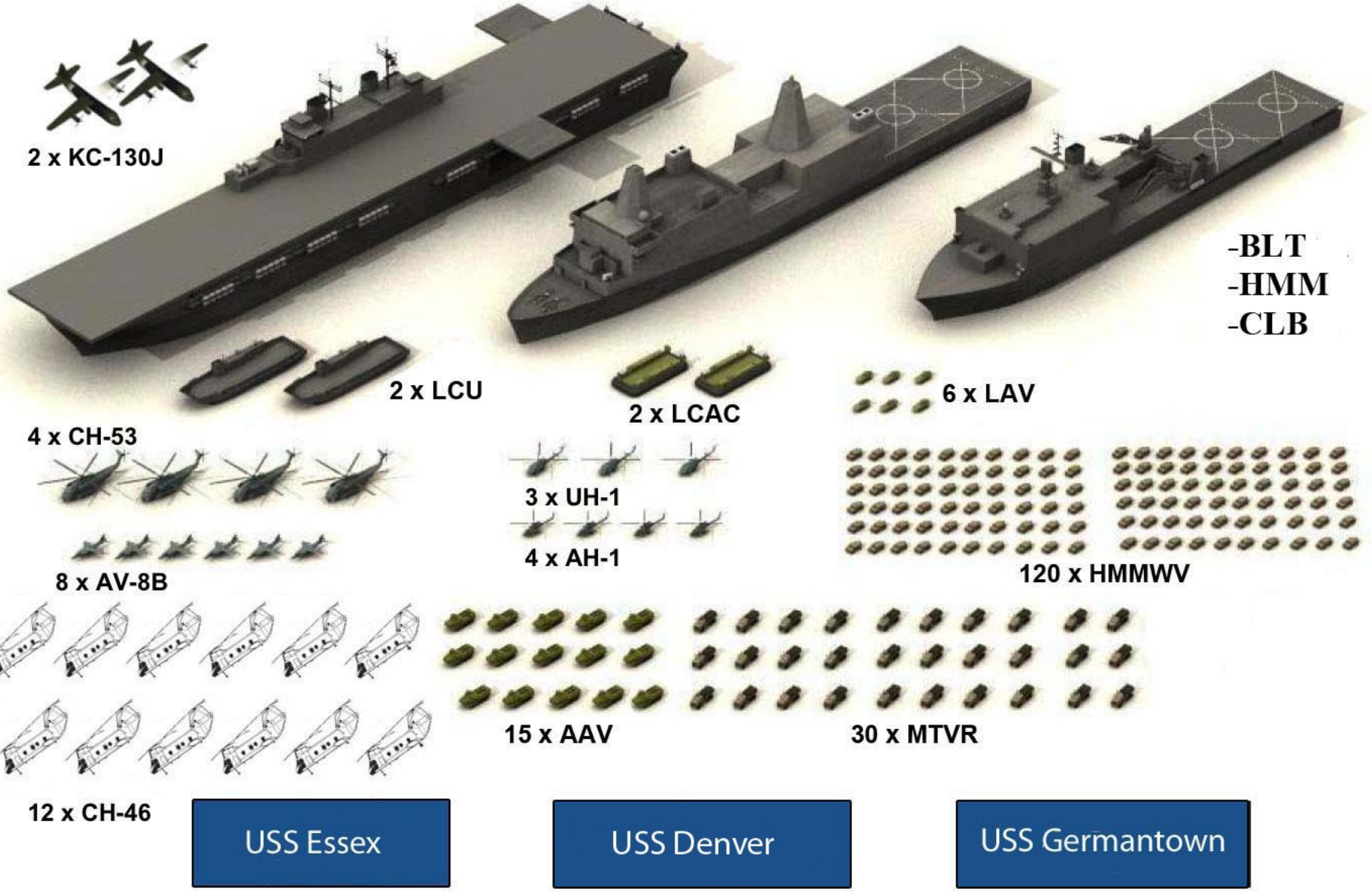
Essex ARG / 31st MEU Capabilities

"Iron Gator" **(Asia-Pacific Region)** **(~2,200 Marines)**



Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU)

- Forward deployed, first choice for initial crisis response
- Task-organized units forward deployed aboard amphibious ships
- ~ 2,200 Marines and Sailors
- 15 days sustainability

MEU CE

- Theater Security Cooperation
- Interagency Enabling
- Raids
- Non-Combatant Evacuations (NEO)
- Tactical Recovery of Aircraft & Personnel (TRAP)
- Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HA / DR)
- Bilateral Exercises

Battalion Landing Team (BLT)

Composite Aviation Squadron

Combat Logistics Battalion (CLB)

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Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief Capabilities

HEALTH SERVICES
- -Medical
- -Dental

TRANSPORTATION
- -Air
- -Ground
- -Maritime

DISTRIBUTION
- -Hub & Spoke
- -Point to Point

ENGINEERING
- -Power Generation
- -Water Production
- -Fuel Distribution
- -Heavy Equipment
- -Construction

Conducted 3 HA/DR missions in 2009, 1 in 2010 and 1 in 2011 (Operation Tomodachi)